

Land Trust Dedicates Access Trail

Last Sunday the sun poked out briefly as the The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts dedicated its new Harry and Mary Todd Trail on its Cow Tent Hill Preserve on Tremont Street.

According to Trust President Jerry Ingersoll, "This is a truly great project in every way. It is the first trail on the entire South Shore designed to provide access for people in wheelchairs, using walkers, and pushing baby carriages. It uses an innovative and environmentally-friendly paving material. The contractor, Mastro Landscape Development, did a superlative job of building the trail—people will be able to enjoy it for many years to come."

Harry Todd, half of the couple for whom the trail was named, declared that "We are delighted to do a project that will help people of all ages and abilities access the natural world. We are particularly pleased with the Wildlands Trust's vision and with the high caliber of construction. All of these people really put their hearts into this project."

"Harry and Mary Todd have played an instrumental role in helping the Trust make



(L-r): Graziano Mungo, of Mastro Landscape Development; Jessica Schultz, Stewardship Director of The Wildlands Trust; Paul Mastrototolo, of Mastro Landscape Development; Harry Todd, of Duxbury; and Jerry Ingersoll, Board President of The Wildlands Trust.

several of our preserves more accessible to the public. We are honored that they let us name this beautiful trail after them," said Trust Board member Lois Wood of Duxbury.

The 32-acre Cow Tent Hill Preserve was a bequest to the Trust from the late Bernice Bumpus in 1999. The heavily wooded preserve runs down to the marshes of Duxbury Bay and includes land on both sides of Mill Brook and Duck Hill River.

The parking lot at the trailhead has room for a lift van and a paved pad for unload-

ing. The trail gently winds through high pine woodlands and down to the banks of the small river. A sheltered bench at trail's end gives a long view out to the marshes and bay.

The Wildlands Trust is a regional land trust founded in Plymouth in 1973. Today the Trust owns or holds restrictions on over 3,700 acres, in 121 properties, in twenty-two cities and towns, from Rehobeth and Taunton to Marshfield and Bourne. For more information about membership or protecting your land, call 781-934-9018.